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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 220
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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize the Mighty Eighth Air
Force Heritage Museum.

WHEREAS, our nation was conceived by brave individuals willing to sacrifice their
personal safety and concerns to ensure this nation's freedom; and

WHEREAS, the Eighth Air Force eventually became the largest air force in the history of
aviation, serving in World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War and the Persian Gulf War;
and

WHEREAS, this remarkable organization has admirably served the United States since
its inception 50 years ago in Savannah, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, in World War II, the Mighty Eighth Air Force played an integral role in the
success of the invasion of Europe; and

WHEREAS, although their meritorious efforts in World War II were successful, it did not
come without paying a high price, losing 10,000 aircraft, 26,000 air crewman killed in action and
28,000 prisoners of war; and

WHEREAS, in the Korean War, the Eighth Air Force personnel was assigned to combat
operations under the operational control of the Far East Air Force (FEAF) that performed
conventional strikes over North Korea; and

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WHEREAS, in Vietnam, the Eighth Air Force was headquartered at Andersen Air Force Base on the island of Guam, providing B-52 bombing missions with refueling support by KC-135s throughout the combat theater; and

WHEREAS, in the Gulf War, the Eighth Air Force provided B-52 bombers; and

WHEREAS, today, the Eighth Air Force continues its distinguished service at the Air Combat Command at Langley Air Force Base, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, since 1942, over one million Americans have served their country in the Eighth Air Force; and

WHEREAS, in honor of over one million men and women who courageously served in the Eighth Air Force, the Mighty Eighth Air Force Heritage Museum was built to remember the gallant efforts of these brave men and women; and

WHEREAS, the Mighty Eighth Air Force Heritage Center will be a memorial and monument to those men who did not return from war and to the survivors who continue to make their selfless contributions to our great nation; and

WHEREAS, the Heritage Museum includes attractions such as the Memorial Gardens, the Wall of Valor and five large free-standing monuments; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly recognizes museums such as the Mighty Eighth Air Force Heritage Museum as national treasures that are essential in educating our young people; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and recognize the Mighty Eighth Air Force Heritage Museum on its first anniversary and its invaluable contributions to the people of Tennessee and to the nation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

